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1. A statement of the facts involved

Applicant filed the above noted patent application on 08/28/1998 and received a notice of allowance on 11/04/2004 (please see the Notice of Allowance). As reflected in the Date Due section, the issue fee was to be paid by 02/04/05. The Transmittal Form including a properly executed Certificate of Mailing, Fee Transmittal Form, Part B Fee Transmittal, and an officially stamped post card were mailed on 02/03/05 which was one day prior to the issue fee due date.

2. The point or points to be reviewed

Applicant respectfully requests a review of the facts presented above.

3. The action requested

Applicant respectfully requests that the abandonment be lifted and the application placed in condition for allowance.

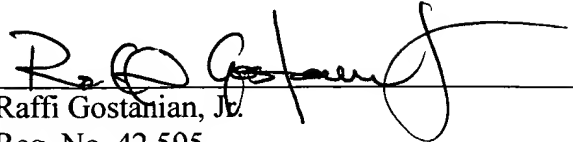
Applicant has further submitted a new Fee Transmittal form and a credit card payment form in the amount of \$1,400. Although the issue fee due is \$1,370, an amount of \$1,400 is being submitted to remain consistent with the earlier filed Fee Transmittal form.

REMARKS

Per the information presented above, Applicant contends that the application is not in fact abandoned and respectfully requests it be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any other matters which pertain to this Application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve these matters by Examiner's Amendment where possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

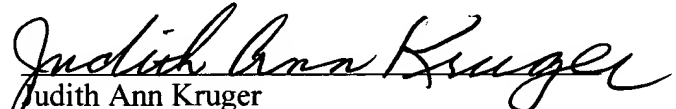

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